

Fort Bliss,
7th Cavalry Barrack (451)
U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center
and Fort Bliss
City of El Paso
El Paso County
Texas

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Texas	COUNTY El Paso	TOWN OR VICINITY City of El Paso
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fort Bliss, 7th Cavalry Cantonment Barrack		HABS NO. TX-3339-D
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Building 451		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1919-1920 Real Property Record Cards Real Property Office, Fort Bliss, Texas	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Constructing Quartermasters: Major L.D. Blauvelt; Captain Harvey R. Field, El Paso Morning Times, 1919	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This former 7th Cavalry Barrack was part of a large enlisted men's cantonment, most of which were demolished in 1934-1935. This U-shaped, one-story, brick masonry building was designed by War Department Construction Division architects during World War I.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Standard Military Construction		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick masonry, concrete foundation, gable roof covered with asbestos shingles, wood frame on interior with wood roof rafters; overhanging eaves		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) U-shape with rectangular wings, the building is 92 x 141'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE This double barrack has gable ends at each wing end with a connecting wing on the west side. See photos HABS No. TX-3339-E-1 and TX-3339-E-2		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior is altered. Of note are the horizontal wood sliding windows (see photo HABS No. TX-3339-7). Windows of this type are described in the War Department Manual of the Construction Division, Section C., Plate 5. They are typical windows for World War I Cantonments.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES There are no significant alterations. A rubble rock chimney was added to the south corner in 1933-1934.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building needs major repair. The brick masonry walls are bulging and the roof is sinking. It is used for Youth classes.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building will be repaired. It will be included in a historic district.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See Jamieson, Perry D., A Survey of Fort Bliss, 1890-1940, Directorate of Facilities Engineering, Fort Bliss, Unpublished manuscript, 1980. See also Real Property Records, Buildings and Structures Card File, on file in the Real Property Office, Fort Bliss.		
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